

those with preexisting conditions, returns power to the States, allows young adults to remain on their parents' insurance until they are 26, and increases consumer choice. This is a critical first step of three to repeal and replace ObamaCare.

I am grateful that the American Health Care Act is supported by the NFIB, the Susan B. Anthony List, Americans for Tax Reform, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Taxpayers Union, the Institute for Liberty, the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, and dozens of other advocates promoting creating jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

TRUMPCARE

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, Republicans are planning to vote tomorrow to pass TrumpCare.

This bill is a great deal for the superrich, it is a great deal for insurance companies, and it is a great deal for drug companies. But it is a bad deal for working men and women across our country.

TrumpCare will raise premiums, increase deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses.

TrumpCare ends coverage for 24 million people.

TrumpCare destroys 2 million jobs.

TrumpCare imposes an age tax on older Americans.

And TrumpCare cuts Medicaid by \$880 billion to give corporations and the wealthiest Americans a \$600 billion tax cut—the single largest transfer of wealth from working people to the rich in history. This is wrong.

The American people do not want this bill. They don't want to pay more for less.

Donald Trump promised that he would be a great champion for the middle class. It only took him 2 months in office to break that promise and sell out to the wealthy and the special interests. Shame on him and shame on anyone who votes to take away health coverage from working men and women to fund a big tax cut for folks who don't need it. The working people of this country deserve better.

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT BRINGS MEDICAID ACCOUNTABILITY

(Mr. PITTENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the American Health Care Act and, specifically, the critically important reforms to Medicaid, in addition to the other great reforms that will bring cost-effective health care to this country.

For 50 years, Medicaid has been a blank check to the States with little accountability and rampant fraud. During my time in the North Carolina Senate, we found as much as 20 percent waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid.

In response, I have worked with SAS, a major technology firm, to develop accountability and oversight. North Carolina is now a leader in Medicaid fraud recovery.

Under the American Health Care Act, Medicaid replaces an open blank check with commonsense per capita or block grant allotments for each State. This incentivizes States to follow North Carolina's lead and clean out the bad actors exploiting eligibility and the providers taking advantage of Medicaid at the expense of America's most vulnerable.

Conservatives have championed these reforms for decades. Now is our opportunity to bring accountability to Medicaid.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this great reform.

UN-AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT TAKES US BACKWARD

(Mr. HECK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, let's make this clear. The Un-American Health Care Act doesn't just repeal advances with ObamaCare, it takes us backward to a point worse off than we were before the Affordable Care Act.

It guts Medicaid, and will fail to meet existing needs, hurting vulnerable children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, and seniors needing long-term care, hurting them all.

It abandons Planned Parenthood services. Women with nowhere else to turn will lose access to critical services like pelvic exams and pap tests.

I am here today speaking on behalf of single mom Sherry, cancer survivor Marty, star student Kelty, and little Gracie and her devoted grandmother Donna.

We are all one voice saying we cannot afford to make the American healthcare system even worse than it was before ObamaCare. That is the path the un-American Health Care Act will carve. My friends, let's not go down that path. Vote "no."

REPUBLICAN HEALTHCARE BILL

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, Republicans rushed their pay more for less healthcare bill through committees before CBO even had a chance to score it. And then, once they realized that 24 million people would lose coverage, they made late night additions just 2 days before the House is scheduled to vote.

Americans' health care is too important to be done on an artificial dead-

line. It is too important for people in my district like Rachel. Rachel is a hairdresser in her midthirties, who was finally able to get health coverage for her husband and three children, thanks to the ACA. But under the Republican plan, their coverage will be replaced by tax credits that don't even come close to meeting the healthcare costs for a family of five.

And there are millions just like her struggling to make ends meet. Instead of abandoning people like Rachel to give tax breaks to the wealthiest few, I urge Republicans to do what even Trump promised—provide health insurance for everybody. That starts with rejecting this bill.

PAY MORE AND GET LESS WITH TRUMPCARE

(Mr. JEFFRIES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, under the Republican healthcare plan, TrumpCare, hardworking Americans will pay more and get less. Your premiums will increase. Your copays will increase. Your deductibles will increase. Your out-of-pocket costs will increase. But the quality of your health care will go down.

Tens of millions of Americans under TrumpCare will also lose their entire health coverage. And under the Republican healthcare plan, it will impose a draconian age tax on people between 50 and 64, some of whom will be forced to pay approximately \$14,000 per year.

Trump has said he is going to do health care in three phases. I have finally figured it out. Phase one, disease. Phase two, disaster. Phase three, destruction. Vote "no" against this reckless plan.

HARDWORKING AMERICA NEEDS A TAX BREAK

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow House Republicans will perpetrate a careless financial assault on good, hardworking America in exchange for a massive payoff to greedy insurance executives and their cronies. Yes, this vote is rigged against the good.

If you are 50 to 64 years old, you and your family get clobbered. More doughnut holes, more premiums, and less health care.

UnitedHealthcare, one of America's largest private insurers, is today under investigation for defrauding the Medicare program of billions of dollars. Your bill, in 17 words on page 67, rewards UnitedHealthcare, their executives and cronies, with a massive tax cut. UnitedHealthcare made \$83 billion last year, and their CEO was compensated with \$66 million. They don't need a break. Hardworking America does.

Your bill also allows UnitedHealthcare to charge five times more for older Americans, and imposes a 30 percent unemployment tax on the unemployed, all going to more profits for them and less health care for America.

STANDING AGAINST TRUMPCARE

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, during the last few weeks, my office has heard from literally hundreds of concerned Illinoisans about TrumpCare.

I have heard from a heart attack survivor, whose prescription medication would go from affordable to \$1,000 a day under this plan.

I have heard from Americans ages 50 to 64—I happen to be in that group—who are worried about paying an age tax of five times more than others.

Just in the last 24 hours, I have heard from two more groups that are standing against TrumpCare. And, no, they are not partisan political groups.

The first is the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, which represents more than 200 hospitals in the State of Illinois. They oppose TrumpCare because it means taking health coverage away from hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans, while killing the jobs of another 60,000 hardworking people in my State.

The second group is the National Farmers Union. They understand that TrumpCare's drastic cuts could force hundreds of rural hospitals to close their doors.

So I am left wondering, who exactly supports TrumpCare? Instead of throwing 24 million Americans off their coverage, let's work across the aisle to improve health care for all, not just the richest among us.

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AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT IS BAD FOR NEW YORK HOSPITALS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the GOP's awful, irresponsible healthcare bill will impose an age tax on older Americans, it will raise your premiums, and it will be absolutely disastrous to our Nation's hospitals.

In my district in New York, our hospitals serve millions of people every day, and their budgets are already stretched. The GOP healthcare bill will rip away health insurance for over 24 million Americans, forcing more people to get care in high-cost emergency rooms while, at the same time, cutting billions in Federal funding hospitals need to survive.

New York's hospitals will lose over \$1 billion in 2018 alone. With uncompensated care already skyrocketing, the 27

New York hospitals that are already on a financial distress watch list tell me they may not even be able to survive. That is why the Greater New York Hospital Association, the Healthcare Association of New York State, and other New York health groups are urging all of us to vote "no" on this terrible GOP bill.

OPPOSING THE GOP AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT REPEAL BILL

(Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I know that I am new to the House, but I was elected by my constituents to reach across the aisle and get things done.

Sadly, instead of reaching across the aisle to work on commonsense fixes to the Affordable Care Act, some of my Republican colleagues have decided to push through a healthcare bill that, instead of increasing health coverage, actually takes it away from more than 24 million people and imposes an age tax.

In my State alone, this bill will cut Medicaid coverage for 60,000 individuals and result in a \$170 million loss of Federal funds at a time when my State is facing a major budget shortfall. Additionally, almost 22,000 individuals in my State will lose access to employer-sponsored insurance, and more than 6,000 individuals who are currently receiving coverage through our healthcare exchange will lose coverage as a result of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, given its impact on our Nation's working families and our most vulnerable citizens, I believe passage of this bill would be an act of medical malpractice—pun intended. So I urge all of my colleagues to vote "no" on H.R. 1628.

WILL THOSE CHAMPIONING TRUMPCARE TRADE PLACES WITH THOSE WHOM IT HARMS

(Ms. PINGREE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, since the Republicans in Washington have not held a single public hearing on TrumpCare, I asked my constituents directly for feedback at a Maine healthcare townhall. Not one of the hundreds of constituents spoke in support of the legislation. Instead, many said they will be among the millions of Americans who will lose their coverage under this bill.

One of those voices was Ed Saxby of Cape Elizabeth, pictured on the board next to me. Ed stood beside his wife and granddaughter as he bravely spoke about his own battle with cancer. He said that the odds of survival are against him because TrumpCare will take away the tax credits he needs to afford healthcare coverage as a retiree living on a fixed income.

Ed's wife, Jill, asked me if those who are championing TrumpCare would be willing to trade places with those whom it will harm.

I pose that question today to my Republican colleagues. If you can't answer in the affirmative, you should not be voting for this terrible bill.

TRUMPCARE BENEFITS THE SUPERRICH

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, the GOP's disastrous healthcare proposal is really just the largest transfer of wealth to the superrich in this Nation's entire history. In fact, it gives the top 1 percent of earners a windfall of tax breaks and subsidies.

The superrich are going to be able to buy a lot of things with this new money. It has been estimated they could buy: one Lamborghini, 26 Rolex watches, or 44 sets of Super Bowl tickets.

Thanks to this tax cut, in effect, you are shifting wealth from Main Street to Mar-a-Lago, from middle America to Mar-a-Lago, from my district to Mar-a-Lago. Forty-four thousand people in my district in southern Nevada will lose their health insurance according to the Center for American Progress.

Our President said, well, he didn't know—not our President. He is not my President. Anyway, he said he didn't know health care could be so complicated. Well, if you look at this bill, it is really not very complicated. It is quite simple:

Premiums go up, benefits go down; deductibles go up, coverage goes down; prices go up, healthcare for women goes down.

Vote "no" on this bill.

RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on a recent eight-alarm fire in my district and to thank the firefighters and other first responders for making sure that no one was seriously hurt.

The fire on Monday destroyed an apartment complex and 22 neighboring homes. Amazingly though, no one was killed or seriously injured. Three firefighters were treated for their injuries while fighting the fire, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

It is a reminder of the risks that our first responders take every day, not knowing when they will have to answer the call, placing their lives on the line to protect us and our community.

We pray for the families who are displaced right now, who came home from work on Monday to find their homes